

# **CDBG PROGRAM OTHER PUBLIC NEEDS**

## **MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

### **PURPOSE**

The Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) offers grants to Missouri communities to improve local facilities, address health and safety concerns, and develop a greater capacity for growth. This category assists communities with recognized needs that may not fit under the other categories of CDBG funding.

### **AUTHORIZATION**

42 USC § 5301 et seq., 24 C.F.R. Part 570; and Missouri's "Consolidated Plan" submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

### **ELIGIBLE AREAS**

Projects can only be in a "non-entitlement" area - a city under 50,000 in population or a county under 200,000 in population.

### **ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS**

Missouri cities and counties in non-entitlement areas.

### **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

State CDBG funds are only available to cities and counties in non-entitlement areas. A non-entitlement area is a city with population less than 50,000 and/or a county with population less than 200,000.

### **PROGRAM BENEFITS/ELIGIBLE USES**

The Other Public Needs category allows applicants to submit projects that do not fit under existing categories. The projects must still comply with all CDBG regulations and must still select eligible activities from the list provided in the application. This category allows the applicant to recognize and solve a need particular to the community. Projects that address the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements to public buildings are eligible in this category (see below).

### **AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT ONLY**

For ADA applications, elevators, chair lifts, and large restroom renovations are eligible. Only those activities necessary for ADA compliance are eligible. General improvements or enhancements that relate to conducting government business are prohibited. Applicants who have completed a plan recognizing all necessary activities to achieve ADA compliance (doors, ramps, signage, restrooms, parking, etc.) and have applied a timeline and budget to that plan will receive consideration.

### **FUNDING LIMITS**

The maximum amount any applicant can apply for is \$400,000 or \$5,000 per household. The following maximums apply to the Other Public Needs subcategories:

- The maximum amount for ADA is \$250,000 or \$5,000 per household.
- The maximum amount for Rural Affordable Housing RFP is \$250,000 or \$5,000 per household.
- The maximum amount for Housing Demolition is \$125,000.

### **APPLICATION/APPROVAL PROCEDURE**

Communities interested in applying for grant assistance should complete a CDBG application. The application deadline is May 1, and is based upon availability of funds. Applications are rated on need, project impact, local and past efforts. Applicants must score a minimum of 65 points out of 100 to gain a recommendation for award. Applications must include any supporting documentation that verifies the need, such as professional studies, census information, etc.

### **SPECIAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

Applicants that can substantiate a need or a series of needs and have a well thought-out solution with an emphasis on sustainability and local impact (serving a large population with every dollar) will be given consideration. Applicants who leverage other creative funding sources to achieve a broader solution to a series of needs will be given consideration. Applicants who demonstrate local capacity to manage the project will also be given consideration.

Applicants must meet a "national objective" to participate in the CDBG program, which may include the low-to-moderate income persons or elimination of slums or blight, (or a combination of the two.) Please contact the CDBG office for more information regarding the national objectives.

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